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A catnip garden yields a bumper crop of murder for actress-turned-sleuth Alice Nestleton...

Alice Nestleton, beautiful off-off Broadway actress-turned-amateur-detective, has been forced into a life of crime—sleuthing that is—with some cat-sitting on the side. But this hot summer in New York she has taken a hiatus from stage and scene-of-the-crime to join a coterie of cat-lovers in cultivating a Manhattan herb garden. Unfortunately, a party to celebrate their first crop of peppermint tea ends with one of their group going right off the edge—of a 25th-floor terrace. Alice is stunned and grief stricken at the apparent suicide. But aided and abetted by her two cats, she soon smells a rat. And the help of her own feline-like instincts, the gorgeous gumshoe discovers that the victim's dearest friends may well have been her most murderous enemies...

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Rage says

I read these books because I think the main character is fascinatingly weird. She continues to be so in this book, which seems mostly to be about alienating your friends. She has a weird affair with her dead best friend's husband, at the same time that things get weird with her friend Tony; other people's cats continue to view her with disdain; she calls a priest a liar and gets kicked out of his house...

My least favorite installment in the series so far. I don't think anything new really happened with the character, and the mystery was kind of slow and not very atmospheric. The secondary characters were also incredibly dull.

?Emily says

This is an older book by Adamson and better than the first one I read. This time, one of her friends falls off the 25th floor of an apartment. It appears to be suicide, but Alice doesn't think it could be. So she snoops around until she finds proof of murder.

Rose says

Set in NYC's lower East Side, protagonist has 2 cats, well-written with satisfying cultural allusions--what's not to like?

Delonna says

I found this book to be so bizarre in an intriguing way. I had no idea which way it was going, which is probably why I read it so fast. I needed to know what happened because I had no clue or any ideas of my own as I read. There is one thing about the book I really do not like and that is the main character who is also the "sleuth" has a sexual relationship with her deceased best friend's husband and does so right after her best friend dies. I found that to be too much. I don't see any significance of adding that to the story. It wasn't needed. For this reason, I can't recommend it with a good conscience.

Ninth says

Read this some FOUR years ago...

at first when the suicide/murder takes place I was really exited.

A GIRL JUMPS/PUSHED OFF A TAAAAAAALLL BUILDING.

SPLATTER

DIES

-That funeral speech sucks-

And then dissapointment....

Stupid Plot. Just dragging words around.

Another hot girl(that would be our CAT detective), who is a good friend of our Mrs. Dead swears to find out the truth.

And then what does she do for a good part of book?

She sells some fucking Catnip!

Chick: Are you intersested in buying some catnip?

Shop Guy: No, but I'm interested in those boobies so I'll buy some.

Chick: Sure.

gives catnip and runs away

Then she talks with some priest, man, she doesn't leave anyone die peacefully.

She then CattySits the cats for Mrs. Deads hubby and ends up **Doing it** with him, Her best friend's husband.

You might think that she's a Biaaateh!But no! She's got brains.

She makes him tell her EVERYTHING while they do it

Then she goes on stalking one guy after another and finally with some crazy fuckin coincidence and evidence- Finds the killer (view spoiler)

The End.

PS: It sucks, but two stars for a good description on making IT

Thank you!

curtain falls

Sheryl says

Just plain fun. A romp of a mystery.

Pat says

Good mystery.

Carol says

Boring, sluggish. I didn't finish it.

Carolyn Jenkins says

Catnip and Peppermint

Alice Nestleton sets out to prove her friend Barbara did not commit suicide, but was in fact murdered. No one believes Barbara was murdered. They think Alice is either overcome with grief or simply crazy. Alice must discover the killer using a sly trick of her own.

Jan says

Fast read. Character of story is Alice, who is an actress but it seems always out of work, so she cat sits. Also all her friends have cats, so the reader will learn about her friends cats. Alice has a best friend named Barbara. Barbara introduces her to three other ladies, who she befriends, and they start a small herb type garden in New York. They celebrate by having a peppermint tea party, all the ladies are very superficial, and they are all excited because they grew a few leaves! This is in New York City, so I have to guess growing a few leaves is a big thing! At the celebration party, after drinking their tea, Barbara takes a flying leap off of the 23rd or 25th floor! Whatever. Alice starts to think this is odd, and does some detecting. She gets a detective friend involved and finds out, (after falling in bed with her best-friends husband -she is consoling him) that the husband is also being consoled by the other ladies also! What a guy! He gets blown up, so Alice starts thinking, she is onto something. In the end Alice figures out who dun it and why. Not before her ex-boyfriend calls her a loony. However, they hook back up in the end.
